

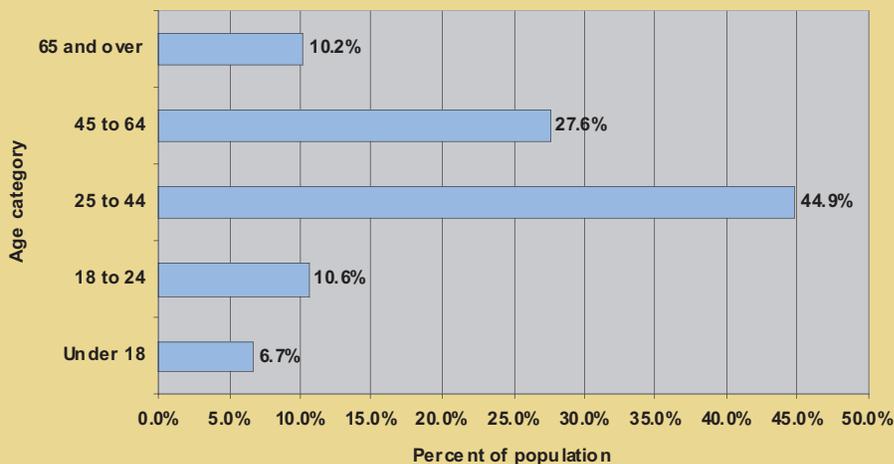
## District of Columbia Foreign-Born Population

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**Foreign-Born Population:** In 2006, the District of Columbia had a foreign-born household population of 73,820 (13 percent) which was almost equally divided between males (50.2 percent) and females (49.8 percent). The median age was 37.9 years. Seven percent of the population was under 18 years and 10

was White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Of the 73,820 foreign-born population in the District of Columbia 33 percent were naturalized citizens. The majority of naturalized citizens entered the country before 1990 (23.6 percent), another 6.6 percent entered between 1990 and

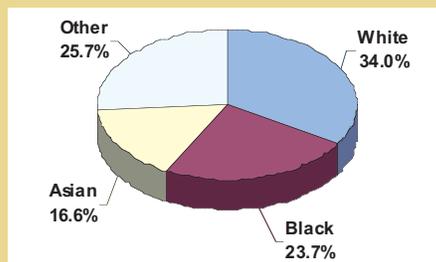
**Fig. 1. Age Distribution of Foreign-Born Population:  
District of Columbia 2006**



Source: American Community Survey, 2006

percent was 65 years and older (Fig.1). For the foreign-born population reporting one race alone, 34 percent was White; 23.7 percent was Black or African American; 16.6 percent was Asian; 0.4 percent was American Indian and Alaska Native; 0.2 percent was Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 24 percent was Some Other race (Fig. 2). One percent reported Two or More races. Thirty-nine percent of the foreign-born population in the District of Columbia was Hispanic. Twenty percent of the foreign-born population in the District of Columbia

**Fig. 2. Foreign-Born Population by Race:  
District of Columbia 2006**



Source: American Community Survey, 2006

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1999, and the other 2.6 percent entered in 2000 or later. Of the 67 percent non-citizens, the majority (30 percent) entered in 2000 or later. In terms of world region of birth of the foreign-born, 48 percent came from Latin America, 18.7 percent from Asia, 15.5 percent from Europe, 14.4 percent from Africa and 3 percent from other regions.

**Households and Families:** In 2006 there were 34,550 households (14 percent) in the District of Columbia that were occupied by a foreign-born person. Of the occupied households, 38 percent were owner-occupied units and 62 percent were renter-occupied units. Married-couple families constitute 42 percent of foreign-born households. The average household size of foreign-born households was 2.29 people.

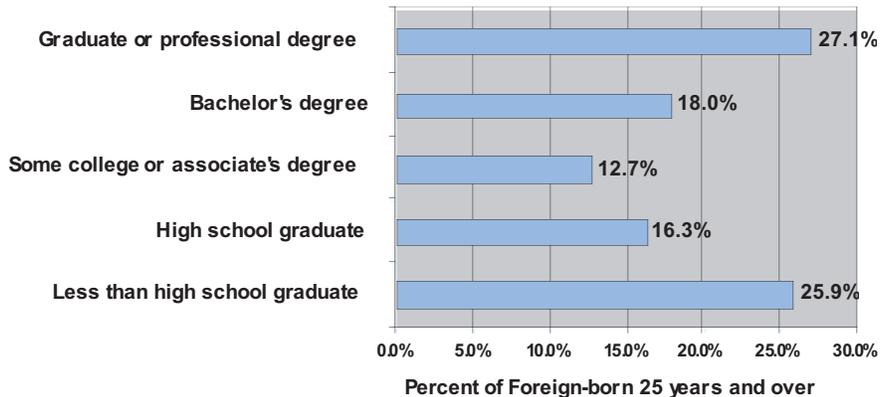
**Language:** Among the foreign-born population at least five years old living in the District of Columbia in 2006, 28 percent spoke English alone; 72 percent spoke a language other than English at home; and 35 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

**Education:** In 2006, 74 percent of the foreign-born population 25 years and over in the District of Columbia had at least graduated from high school, and 45 percent had a bachelor's degree or

higher (Fig. 3). Of the 12,267 foreign-born population 3 years and over enrolled in school, 54 percent were enrolled in college or graduate school.

was \$51,497. Eighty-eight percent of the households received earnings and 9 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Twelve per-

**Fig. 3. Education Attainment of Foreign-Born Population: District of Columbia 2006**



Source: American Community Survey, 2006

**Employment and Occupation:**

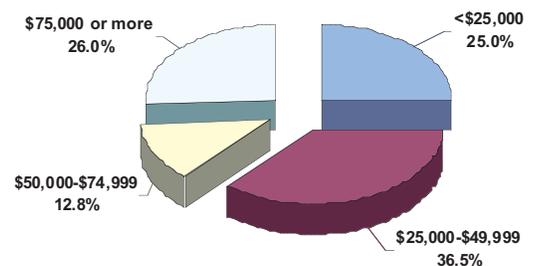
Seventy-five percent of the foreign-born population 16 years and over were in the civilian labor force. Of this number, 71 percent were employed and 4 percent were unemployed.

Among the most common occupations were: Management, professional, and related occupations, 40 percent; Service occupations, 33 percent; Sales and office occupations, 17 percent; Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 6 percent; and Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 5 percent. Eighty percent of the people employed were private wage and salary workers; 15 percent were government workers; and 5 percent were self-employed in own not incorporated business workers.

cent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$10,201. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source. In 2006, 13 percent of the foreign-born population in the District of Columbia was living in poverty.

**Income:** Twenty-six percent of foreign-born full-time workers in the District of Columbia received wages of \$75,000 or more in 2006 (Fig. 4). The median income of foreign-born households in District of Columbia

**Fig. 4. Earnings by Percent of Foreign-Born Population 16 years and Over: District of Columbia 2006**



Source: American Community Survey, 2006

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